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FOR OPIC'S DAVID GREGG FROM AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: EFIN, ZA

SUBJECT: TAW

REF: STATE 251053

1. ASSUMPTION CORRECT WOOD IS INDEED SOURCE OF INFO IN LUSAKA'S 2371. BELIEVE YOU SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO EXPLORE DIRECTLY WITH HIM DURING HIS BRIEF VISIT IN US STATUS OF TAW'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH GRZ AS LEFT IN WOOD'S LAST SESSION WITH PRIME MINISTER CHONA. WOULD HOPE REFERENCE TO ARBITRARY LUMP SUM OFFER OF EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS COULD BE AVOIDED BY YOU, LEAVING WOOD TO INTRODUCE IT, WHICH I BELIEVE HE WILL.

2. AM INCLINED ADHERE STRICTLY TO DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS (STATE 231372 PARA 5) RELATING TO IMPLIED PRIVACY OF TERMS OF SETTLEMENT AND TO MAINTAIN CERTAIN DISCREET DISTANCE FROM PARTIES TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. ALSO RELUCTANT TO REVEAL TO CHONA (NO OTHER LEVEL POLITICALLY POSSIBLE AT THIS STAGE) WHAT I REGARD AS PRIVILEGED INFORMATION OFFERED BY ONE PARTY IN PRIVATE SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS EVEN THOUGH USG HAS URGENT LEGITIMATE INTERESTS IN EARLY, AMICABLE SOLUTION.

3. IF OPIC AND OTHER CREDITORS BELIEVE IT IN THEIR BEST INTERESTS AT THIS STAGE TO INSERT THEMSELVES DIRECTLY INTO SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

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ON TERMS, AND TO EXPRESS OBJECTION TO REINSTATEMENT

OF CONTRACT, EMBASSY WOULD UNDERSTAND. BUT
WE DO NOT WANT TO SERVE AS INTERMEDIARY OR REPRESENTATIVE.
REGARD SUCH ACTION AS IMPROPER FOR DIPLOMATIC MISSION ACCRED-
ITED TO HOST COUNTRY WHICH IS PARTY TO DISPUTE AND COULD RISK
GRZ RESENTMENT. IT COULD ALSO HAVE
EFFECT OF A) VIOLATING PRIVACY AND CONFIDENCE;
B) CASTING DOUBT ON WOOD'S WORD; C) INJECTING OURSELVES
WHERE WE HAVE NOT BEEN INVITED BY EITHER PARTY; AND
C) TENDING TO WEAKEN THE POSTURE OF IMPARTIALITY
WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ASSUME BY DEPARTMENT.

4. GOOD LUCK WITH WOOD AND BE ASSURED OUR
CONTINUAL READINESS TO HELP IN ANY OTHER WAY.
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